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HAVE HAD LONG CONFERENCE WITH PRIME MINISTER, HO CHI MINH AND HE IMPRESSES ME AS SENSIBLE, WELL BALANCED, ^{POLITICALLY} ~~WITTY~~ MINDED INDIVIDUAL. HIS DEMANDS ARE FEW AND SIMPLE NAMELY LIMITED INDEPENDENCE, LIBERATION FROM FRENCH RULE, RIGHT TO LIVE AS FREE PEOPLE IN FAMILY OF NATIONS AND LASTLY RIGHT TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH OUTSIDE WORLD.

HE STATED THAT FOR MANY YEARS MISSIONARY WORK OF PROPAGANDA WITHIN PARTY, TRAINING OF YOUTH AND PREPARATION FOR THIS DAY HAS MADE THEM READY NOT NECESSARILY FOR COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE BUT AT LEAST THE PRIVILEGE OF DYING FOR THEIR IDEALS. FROM WHAT I HAVE SEEN THESE PEOPLE MEAN BUSINESS AND AM AFRAID THAT FRENCH WILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH THEM. FOR THAT MATTER WE WILL ALL HAVE TO DEAL ~~THEM~~ WITH THEM. FRENCH ARE BEGINNING TO RECOGNIZE THIS ~~XX~~

FACT AND ARE GOING TO BE BIG ABOUT IT BY OFFERING VIET MINH TERMS FOR THEIR I DEPENDENCE. ON OTHER HAND VIET MINH IS SMART ENOUGH TO SEE THROUGH MACHIAVELLIAN ATTITUDE FRENCH HERE ESPECIALLY SAINTENY AND HAVE ABSOLUTELY REFUSED TO DEAL WITH HIM.

ANNAMSESE ARE IN UNIQUE ADVANTAGE OUR POSITION IN AS MUCH AS JAPS HAVE GIVEN THEM INDEPENDENCE SO THEY CONSIDER THEMSELVES FREE OF ANY SOVEREIGN POWER AND THIS INCLUDES FRENCH WHO HAVE BEEN HIDING BEHIND JAP SKIRTS, VICHY TACTICS AND PASSING THEMSELVES OFF AS FRIENDS OF AMERICANS. ON WHOLE VIET MINH HAS

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FULL CONTROL OF SITUATION NOT ONLY IN HANGKOW BUT THE WHOLE OF 3 PROVINCES.
THEIR ORGANIZATION IS WELL KNOWN, PROGRAM CLEAR AND THEIR DEMANDS ON
OUTSIDE WORLD FEW. THEY ASK THEY BE PERMITTED TRAVEL PARTICULARLY TO
AMERICA PARTICULARLY FOR EDUCATION PURPOSES AND THAT AMERICA SEND TECH-
NICAL EXPERTS TO HELP THEM ESTABLISH THOSE FEW INDUSTRIES INDO CHINA
IS CAPABLE OF EXPLOITING. PRIME MINISTER PARTICULARLY ASKED ME THAT
AMERICANS EXERCISE SOME CONTROL OVER CHINESE OCCUPATION FORCES AND THAT
CHINESE PURCHASE MATERIALS AND FOOD RATHER THAN REQUISITIONING IT
DURING OCCUPATION PERIOD. FURTHER MORE HE POINTED OUT AND THIS I HAVE
CONFIRMED FROM OTHER SOURCES JAP AND FRENCH THAT DUE TO FLOOD THIS
YEAR FAMINE IS IMMINENT ~~VERY~~ AND SHOULD CHINESE DEPEND ON INDO CHINESE
FOR THEIR SUBSISTENCE DURING OCCUPATION PERIOD THEY WILL ALL STARVE
PLUS CREATING SITUATION WHERE ANNAMENSE WILL BE FORCED TO WAGE WAR UPON
CHINESE TO PROTECT HIS LIVELYHOOD AND FAMILY.

ANNAMENSE CELEBRATING ANNAMENSE INDEPENDENCE DAY TOMORROW WITH HIGH
SOLEMN MASS BY CATHOLICS AND SPECIAL RITUAL BY BUDDHASTS.

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